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CHAPTER 17

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 148 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF PAROLES AND AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY THERETO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 148-51 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "Commissioner of Paroles," immediately following the word "the" and immediately preceding the word "shall" in line 3 thereof, and substituting therefor "Chairman of the Board of Paroles."

Sec. 2. Article 4 of Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new Section immediately following Section 148-51, to be designated as Section 148-51.1, and to read as follows:

"148-51.1. Whenever the words 'Commissioner of Paroles' are used or appear in any Statute of this State, the same shall be stricken out and the words 'Board of Paroles' shall be inserted in lieu thereof."

Sec. 3. Section 148-52 of the General Statutes is stricken out and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 148-52. The Governor of North Carolina is authorized and empowered to appoint a Board of Paroles to consist of three members, who shall, under the Governor's direction, aid the Governor in more fully performing all of the duties required of him in the exercise of the powers contemplated herein, and to perform such other services as may be assigned by the Governor. The members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor who shall appoint a member of the Board as Chairman, and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board shall at the end of each fiscal year submit to the Governor a report containing such information as the Board may determine or the Governor may require. The salary of the members of the Board of Paroles shall be fixed by the Governor subject to the approval of the Advisory Budget Commission.

Sec. 4. Article 4 of Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new Section immediately following Section 148-52, to be designated as Section 148-52.1, and to read as follows:

"Section 148-52.1. No member or employee of the Board of Paroles shall be permitted to use his position to influence elections or the political action of any person, serve as a member of the campaign committee of any political party, interfere with or participate in the preparation for any election or the conduct thereof at the polling place, or be in any manner concerned in the demanding, soliciting or receiving of any assessments, subscriptions or contributions, whether voluntary or involuntary, to any political party. Any Board member or employee of the Board who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section shall be subject to dismissal from office or employment."

Sec. 5. Article 4 of Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is amended by inserting a new Section, immediately following Section 148-54, to be designated as Section 148-54.1, and to read as follows:

"Section 148-54.1. The Board of Paroles may appoint an Executive Secretary to act as an administrative officer for the Board, and the person